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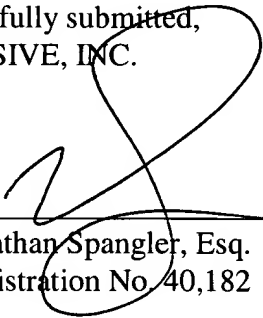
In response to the "Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due" mailed January 11, 2005 (and more particularly the "Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review" (mailed September 20, 2002), Applicant hereby submits formal drawings (comprising Figures 1-12, 12B, 13A-13B, and 14-20 on thirteen (13) drawings sheets) prepared in accordance with 37

CFR 1.84. This submission is within the 3-month period for response of the "Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due" (deadline: April 11, 2005) such that this submission is timely in accordance with 37 CFR 1.85.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of these formal drawings. If a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee (or any other fee) from, or credit any overpayment to, the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2040.

In the event that there are any questions concerning the formal drawings or the application in general, the Official Draftsperson is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that issuance may be expedited.

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